

myself removed from the family and placed off with a group of individuals whom I do not know. I think there is need for us to provide counselling and guidance assistance to the old age group.

There is a lot of emphasis put on youth and put on family life. I do not know of any agency that is specialized in old age persons.

Senator Fergusson: Have you some of these smaller apartment houses which are built under limited dividend?

Mr. Smith: We have one on Brunswick Drive. This is strictly for old age. This is for elderly people—low income, I believe. It is a one-bedroom apartment. This is the same thing I was thinking of. This is what I had in mind, something that is not a dormitory type of thing but individual houses.

Senator Fergusson: This is what I had in mind. I wondered how many you had of this sort?

Mr. Smith: The only one I know of is the one on Brunswick Drive, and I do not believe that is only for elderly persons. I believe it is for widowers, and widows with one child.

Senator Fergusson: There are a number of cities where they have a great many of these and they really are for older people and they are built with older people in mind, you know, and with the facilities that would only be necessary for older people. I just wondered how many of these you had in Saint John.

Mr. Smith: That is the only one I know of unless Mr. Finigan knows of something.

Mr. Finigan: Mr. Chairman, outside of these apartments for elderly citizens in public housing, there is also 40 units in Crescent River Range district of the City. 20 were sponsored by the Rotary Club and 20 were sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. These are confined to just elderly couples for membership for residence there.

They also have in the Corporal Avenue district a certain number of small apartments for elderly citizens. There are plans now I understand, for about 100 additional units, which is in the planning stage right now.

Senator Fergusson: Where are they going to put those?

Mr. Finigan: I do not believe that they have decided yet but this in the planning stage to build more, but five or six years ago the

Rotary Club sponsored 20 elderly people and the Kiwanis Club sponsored 20 elderly people and this is going to be expanded now.

Senator Fergusson: What about recreation?

Mr. Smith: There are different organizations such as the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club who sponsor activities for elderly citizens. I do not think this is carried on continuously. I do not think this is a program that has any solid background to it. It is just a spontaneous sort of thing. It depends on the season of the year, sleigh-rides in the winter.

Senator Fergusson: There is no one building assigned to this?

Mr. Smith: Not that I know of.

Senator Fergusson: I know in Ottawa we have one called "The Good Companions." It is open every day and all day. People can go to it. I remember that Senator Croll and I both visited it. There are many others like that throughout Canada and I wondered if you had anything like that in Saint John.

Mr. Smith: I am not a very good resource man.

Senator Fergusson: I am sorry. It was just because you referred to the elderly in your brief.

Mr. Smith: I think this is quite a concern. I have always been concerned.

The Chairman: What do you mean when you say you are not a resource man?

Mr. Smith: Not on that point; I do not know too much about the elderly.

The Chairman: Let us see whether we understand each other. There was a textbook on the elderly resulting from a report made by a Senate Committee on which Senator Fergusson, Senator Inman, and Senator McGrand served, which is regarded by professionals as being one of the best in the country. Have you ever read it?

Mr. Smith: No, I have not.

The Chairman: How many social workers in the audience have ever read the textbook on the report on the Senate Committee on Aging?

Mr. Finigan: I cannot say I have read the whole book, but I have read excerpts from it.